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Jack Dillon Tipping Off His Friends to Bet He'll Knock Out Mike Gibbons Friday Night.

HOWEVER the election goes, this country will see some fighting before long. Friday evening Jack Dillon is to mingle with Mike Gibbons out in that dear Minnesota. And in spite of the fact that it is Mike's own home State, Dillon is tipping his personal friends to risk a few simoleons on a knockout, same to be delivered by Ernest Cutler Price, alias Jack Dillon.

The weight for this fight is 162 pounds, weighing in at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The fight is at night. Dillon weighed just 162 pounds when he left for the battlefield. He says that he will weigh about 167 in the ring, which is easy fighting weight for him. So Mike seems to have missed connections a little in his well planned scheme to bring Dillon in weak at the weight.

HERE in New York—out Brooklyn way—there will be a scrap between Mike and Moha, a couple of bearcats who promise to make the efforts of Gibbons and Dillon look as mild in comparison as a glass of milk beside a New Orleans milk punch. Mike is the young man who leaped into prominence last week by slipping the rollers under Bat Levinsky about three hours after Bat's manager had issued his forty-seventh challenge to Jessie Willard. Billy Mike, according to Levinsky's description, is one of those rough fellows who don't know when they're hit. He is a muscular party, well provided with fists and entirely unselfish when the wallopers are being passed out. He believes in the old saying that it is better to give than to receive. As a giver, he has old man Santa Claus looking like a cripple in a footrace.

TO show that this isn't going to be a peaceful season at all, there's another young man scheduled for Friday evening. This is between one Stanley Yoakum and Benny Leonard. Yoakum visited our office yesterday upon his arrival from Denver. He is a rough looking citizen. He admits that his right name is Stanley Cutler.

"I got the name Yoakum in a funny way," he said. "I had a sort of a quarrel with some fellows one day and a man who saw me told me I'd make a fighter and gave me an introduction to some newspaper men. I took a look at the letter and saw that it described me as the greatest fighter that ever pulled on a glove, and it looked too strong, so I never showed it to any one. I went to a fight club and a fellow told me I could have a match. I told my friends I was going to have a match, but my name wasn't in the papers, so I thought it was all off. I went to the club and a fellow came around and asked: 'Is Yoakum here?' He wanted in the ring. Are you Yoakum?"

"I guess I am," said I.

"Well, hurry up and sign these articles," he said.

"I did some quick guessing about how to spell that name, but I made it 'Y-o-a-k-u-m' on a guess and signed it on two or three places and went in and won my fight. My next fight they put me against a big Irishman. He kept me waiting in the ring for half an hour and everybody around me looked sad as if they were going to be funeral. Then the big fellow got in and laughed at me. He laughed all the time we were fighting. I tried to figure out how to get close enough to hit him, and every time he banged me on the jaw. At last I thought there was only one way to get near enough—just run at him and grab him with both hands and then hit. I did it and knocked him down. I knocked him down about three times in each round for three rounds. Then they grabbed my arms from behind and pulled me away when he was on the floor and told me I had won the fight. I was excited I didn't know where I was. After the fight the referee came into my dressing room holding his hand over his eye, which was closed, and asked me what I wanted to hit him for. I said I didn't hit him. It was three days before I remembered how I happened to hit him. It was when he grabbed my arm from behind. I was excited, all right. "My third fight was with Charlie White. They stopped it in the nineteenth round. I was on my feet, but I got an awful beating. I couldn't get out of bed for two or three days afterward. White gave me the worst licking I ever got. I fought him twice afterward and held him down. My early fights were all hard ones. Every punch they let go landed on me. Afterward I learned how to duck a few."

"I didn't know I was going to fight Leonard until just now," went on Yoakum. "I got a wire to go to Kansas City for a fight, and pay my own way and something else. I was going to go, I went. In Kansas City nobody had heard that I was going to fight, so I telephoned a sporting editor and he told me I was going to fight in New York and my ticket was in the ticket office and get the first train. So I got my ticket and came along. In Chicago a fellow told me I was to fight Benny Leonard. He showed me a letter from Leonard saying we was matched with Stanley Yoakum. Who was he? Why I don't know. I never saw him before. He said: 'When you see Leonard tell him John wants to be remembered to him.' So I came along, and after I got here I asked Heister who I was going to fight. I didn't know it was Leonard. I thought they'd probably start me on something soft. Leonard's pretty good, isn't he?"

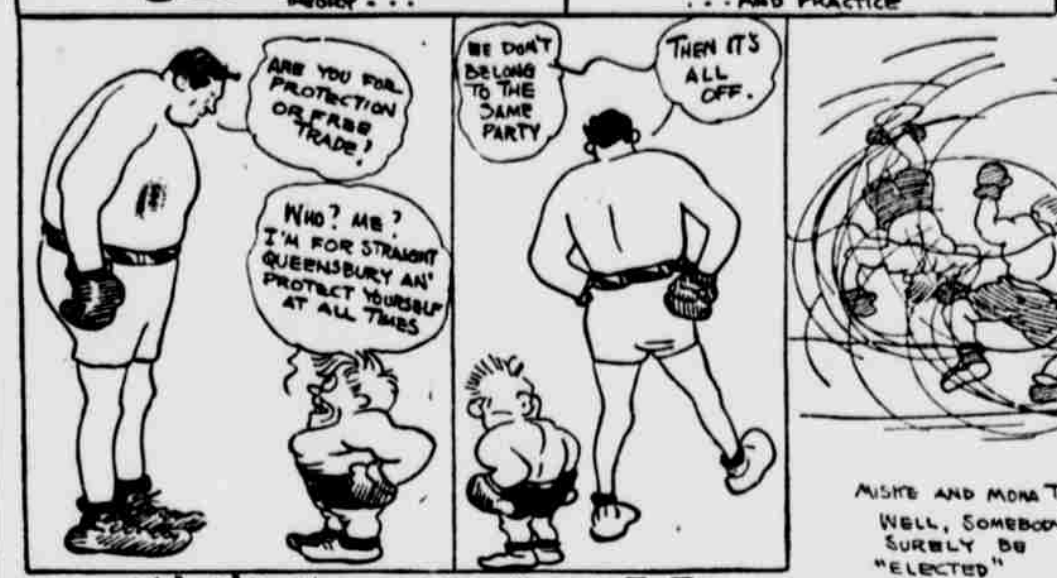
"Pretty good," said I. "Are you trying?"

"Haw," laughed Yoakum. "Who?"

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WE DON'T BELONG TO THE SAME PARTY

THEN IT'S ALL OFF.

AN 'OUT' FOR WILLARD IF MOHA WORKS UP TO THE PROUD POSITION OF CHALLENGER

MUSKE AND MOHA TO MEET! WELL, SOMEBODY'S SURELY BE 'ELECTED' THIS TIME!

IF HUGHES IS ELECTED WILKINS WILL COME IN AGAIN . . . PICTURE JACOBUS WILLARD AND DILLON AS THEY WOULD APPEAR IN THE RING.

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